

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 4-7 and 9-15 remain in the case. Claims 1-3, 8 and 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 15 have been amended in view of the Office Action.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 FIRST PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, first paragraph as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0014592 to Helms in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,286 to Persson.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

In order to speed up prosecution of the application, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3 and 8.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, first paragraph as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,751,662 to Francos et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,286 to Persson.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

In order to speed up prosecution of the application, Applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 17.

Applicants have amended claims 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 15 to place those claims in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as suggested by the Examiner.

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present amendments and remarks. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.


Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account no. 07-1742 for any deficiencies or overages in connection with this response.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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